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SUBJ: MBFR: MISSION COMMENTS ON IS DRAFT OF SECTIONS IV AND V

REF: USNATO 4600

SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES MISSION'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE ON DRAFT TEXT OF SECTIONS IV AND V. MISSION REPORT ON SPC DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 27-28 OF THESE SECTIONS CONTAINED IN SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION COMMENTS BELOW ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS CONTAINED REFTEL:

SECTION IV

PARA 58 (I) (B): FIRST SENTENCE: FINAL PHRASE BRACKETED BY BELGIAN REP ON GROUNDS THAT RIGHT TO CONVENE PLENARIES HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THAT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IDENTIFYING PROCEDURES FOR CONVENING PLENARIES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED

REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO AGREE TO A SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT THAT ALLIES ATTEMPT TO REACH WRITTEN AGREEMENT ON A PROCEDURE FOR CONVENING PLENARIES.
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SECOND SENTENCE: SECOND BRACKETED CLAUSE WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO GIVING ONE ALLY RIGHT TO REQUEST A PLENARY. IN SPC DISCUSSION, CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED ADDITION OF PHRASE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THAT THIS ALLY RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM OTHERS WITHOUT GIVING A

SPECIFIC NUMBER OF OTHERS. CANADIAN CLAUSE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"WHENEVER AN ALLY FOR OVERRIDING REASONS PROPOSES SUCH A REQUEST IN THE ADHOC GROUP AND IS NOT ISOLATED IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO SUPPORT A VAGUER FORMULATION SUCH AS CANADIAN CLAUSE, OR TO STICK WITH A SPECIFIC NUMBER. IF SO, SHOULD WE ACCEPT ITALIAN SUGGESTION OF "THREE".

THIRD SENTENCE: SAME ISSUE AS IN FIRST SENTENCE. BELGIAN AND DUTCH REPS ARGUED THAT, IN FACT, THIS PRACTICE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT ASSURED.

SECTION V.

PARA 63: SECOND SET OF BRACKETS IS DUTCH ALTERNATIVE, SUPPORTED BY BELGIAN, INCORPORATING ELEMENTS OF UK STEERING BRIEF AND PARTS OF PARA H.2. OF U.S. PAPER.

DUTCH WOULD THUS DELETE PARA H.2 ITSELF. (COMMENT: DUTCH REP TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT HE WOULD SEEK TO REVERSE OR MODIFY HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO FACILITATE AGREEMENT EARLY NEXT WEEK. END COMMENT.)

PARA 67, THIRD SENTENCE: SPECIFIC DATE LEFT OPEN FOR RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO SUPPORT THIS FORMULATION OR TO SUGGEST REVISING PHRASE AS FOLLOWS: "I.E., ONCE EVERY TWO OR THREE WEEKS, AT A DATE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TO THE COUNCIL AND THE AD HOC GROUP."

PARA 68 (II); DUTCH AND BELGIAN BRACKETS AROUND THIS U.S. TEXT, IN VIEW OF THEIR ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL IN PARA 63.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON QUESTIONS POSED ABOVE, IF POSSIBLE, BY OCTOBER 2. SPC PLANS EFFORT TO COMPLETE TEXT OF SECTIONS IV AND V IN TIME FOR NAC REVIEW ON OCTOBER 3, 4 OR 5, DEPENDING ON PROGRESS MADE AND ON NAC SCHEDULE.
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